

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

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OPPORTUNITIES



Armed Forces Day takes place each year on the last Saturday each June, this year it will take place on 27th June. It is a chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving personnel to Service families, veterans and cadets.



Events marking Armed Forces Day 2026 will take place across the country. Find the events in our area by using this map and scrolling through the list to discover what's happening and when.



The Cadet Forces (Sea Cadets, Volunteer Cadet Corps, Army Cadets, Air Cadets and the Combined Cadet Force) currently number over 135,000 cadets and 25,000 adult volunteers in more than 3,000 locations across the UK. The Cadet Forces provide the opportunity for young people to develop key life and career-building skills, and gain valuable vocational qualifications.



This questionnaire will help you to see what roles are available with the Royal Air Force, matching them to your age, qualifications and interests. You can find out more about life in the RAF here.



If the RAF is of interest to you, you can take part in this online work experience to explore the organisation's purpose, history, people, and the vital role it plays in protecting the UK and supporting operations around the world. Throughout the course, you will discover how the RAF is structured, the wide range of careers and professions within the organisation, and the values that guide its people. You will also gain insight into life in the RAF, including training, career progression, pay and benefits, and the opportunities available through apprenticeships and graduate pathways. Finally, you will explore the Air Cadets and how young people can get involved, develop new skills, and gain experiences that support their future education and careers.



The Army has many different careers available for people wanting to join as a soldier or officer. Explore their roles, and find your perfect Army career. If you're not sure where to start, you can read about their ways to join here.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Military
Intelligence
Officer

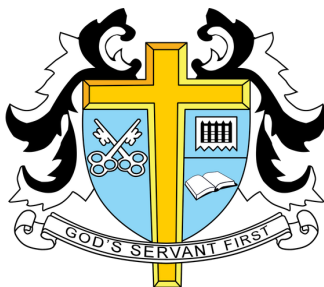
A military intelligence officer is a commissioned leader responsible for analysing information about enemy forces, terrain, and weather to guide military operations. They manage teams of analysts, read data from satellites and human sources, and brief commanders to minimise risks and ensure mission success.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Salaries within the Army are competitive and increase with rank, skill, and specialised trades. Starting pay for Soliders is £27,282, rising to £35,310 for a Lance Corporal and £40,989 for a Corporal.

Officer cadets start at £35,925 per year, moving to £42,948 as a 2nd Lieutenant, £54,716 as a Captain, and £68,624 as a Major Source

If you have any questions please email
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"Royal Marines are trained to adapt. We work in small, agile teams to fiercely respond to the unpredictable and the unknown. One day, we're behind enemy lines and the next, we're taking down threats at sea." You can [read more about the different job roles here](#).

In the UK, a "military college" usually refers to one of two things: an officer training academy for the Armed Forces (like the [Royal Military Academy Sandhurst](#)), or a vocational further-education college for teenagers preparing for military careers (like the [Military Preparation College for Training](#)).



On Tuesday 7th July, Unifrog are running a free online session focused on "[What is clearing for UK universities and how do you navigate it?](#)". During this session, you will explore all aspects of the Clearing process from university experts, including what Clearing is, how to navigate Clearing hotlines, and how to stay calm during the process. Hear from a current student who found their university place through Clearing to find out what you should consider, and hints and tips to find the right university place for you. Join the session live to get all your questions answered!



On Tuesday 7th July, Year 12 students can join Lloyds Banking Group for [an interactive session](#) designed to help you feel confident, prepared and future-ready as you head into your final year and beyond. Whether you're thinking about university, apprenticeships, work, or still figuring it all out, this session will give you practical steps you can start using right now.



The [OuterCircle Platform](#) provides an online community for aspiring apprentices. They aim to support you to:

-  Find your direction - discover industries and roles that match your interests.
-  Get apprenticeship-ready - access mock interviews, application tips, and readiness workshops.
-  Learn from real apprentices - get guidance and mentorship from those already in your dream field.
-  Join events for school-leavers - connect directly with employers and training providers.



EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"Keen to learn and ready to grow? You'll be in good company as an apprentice at [DE&S](#). We believe in enabling your unique development - spotting your talents, your needs and nurturing you as an individual. As your career develops, so will your confidence. Today find your spark. Tomorrow lead your specialism. We offer lots of excellent benefits at DE&S to ensure that everyone feels supported, empowered and rewarded."

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Loughborough is for people who want to achieve their very best. Ranked in the UK Top 10 for over a decade, we combine expert teaching, industry-leading facilities and a distinctive sporting culture on a green, friendly campus - with work placements offered to all undergraduate students."

You can learn more about [Loughborough University here](#).

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Mike Clark

I left St Thomas More High School in 2010 and went on to study International Business Management at the University of Kent, graduating with a 2:1. Like many graduates, I didn't have a completely clear idea of my long term career path, but I was eager to get started in a sales role.

My career began in telesales for a real estate media title in central London at Estates Gazette. Over the ten years I spent there I progressed from Sales Executive to Head of Business Development, gaining invaluable experience in sales, commercial strategy and leadership. During that time I also married my long term partner and we had two amazing children, which has hands down been the

most rewarding part of my journey so far.

Four years ago I made the move to CBRE, the world's largest commercial real estate advisory firm. I initially joined as a Director leading the Tech, Media and Telecom sector for the UK. Recently I was promoted to Head of Growth for London, a role focused on driving strategy and identifying opportunities across one of the most dynamic commercial real estate markets in the world. Throughout my career I've learned a huge amount about sales, but equally about **leadership**, **collaboration** and **building strong teams**.



PROFILE:

NAME: Mike Clark

JOB: Head of Growth,
London Markets, CBRE

SUBJECTS studied at A
LEVEL: Business Studies,
Geography and ICT

What next? University of
Kent, International Business
Management 2:1

YEAR left STM: 2010

Outside of my day job, I've always had an **entrepreneurial streak**, something that runs in my family. Around 18 months ago a friend and I launched the *It's Only Kids Football Podcast*, which focuses on parenting and coaching in grassroots football and aims to improve the experience for kids, parents and coaches. What started as a passion project has grown quickly and recently ranked in the **Top 50 Football Podcasts in the UK**. Watching the podcast and wider business grow month by month has been hugely rewarding.

Looking back, my time at St Thomas More helped lay many of the foundations that shaped my career. I gained many qualities that have stayed with me throughout my professional life. Those early lessons around **resilience**, **teamwork** and **ambition** have played a big role in how I approach both business and leadership today.

Quote I live by:

***"Embrace what you don't know, especially in the beginning, because what you don't know can become your greatest asset."** — Sara Blakely*



RARE OPPORTUNITY

Sixth Form Open Day 2026

A fantastic opportunity to gain insight into a career in law and what it's like to be part of A&O Shearman.

REGISTER NOW-LAST PLACES REMAINING

We are pleased to invite students to attend a Sixth Form Open Day at A&O Shearman.

What to expect on the day

- Hear from the Early Careers team about routes into A&O Shearman
- Meet lawyers, trainees and apprentices and hear about their experiences
- Take part in an interactive legal challenge
- Build your network with peers and colleagues across the firm



APPLY

Places are reserved for The School Outreach Company partnership and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. For any queries contact:
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KEY INFORMATION

Date

22nd July

Time

12:00pm – 4:00pm

Location

A&O Shearman, One Bishops Square,
London

Application criteria

- Predicted AAB at A-Level (or equivalent)
- At least 7 GCSEs at grade 6 or above, including Maths and English